

IN THE NAME OF ROME

SCENARIO ASL TAC 54

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JASNAYA POLYANA, USSR, 12 August 1941:

Mussolini, furious at not having been told of Barbarossa's launch ahead of time, wanted his share of glory in the "anti-bolshevik crusade". He thus sent the 3-division CSIR (Corpo Spedizione Italiano in Russia) Italian Expeditionary Corps in Russia to join the fray. The Italians were sent to Ukraine where they acted as a buffer between the Rumanians and the Hungarians. Early in August, the CSIR was committed to the front. Pasubio Division was ordered to advance toward the Boug river in order to cut off retreating Soviet forces. A vanguard was put together using the Roma Regiment as its core, and various supporting units. On the 11th, contact was made with the enemy. The next afternoon, the point battalion met heavy resistance near the village of Jasnaya Polyana. Violent fighting ensued and the Italian Commandant was put out of action. The main elements of the column were still far away and Colonel Chiaramonti, Roma's CO, intervened to take control of the situation.

BALANCE:

III Exchange two 3-4-6 for two 4-4-7 in the Italian forces that set up on board.

★ Delete the initial Automatic Battery Access (SSR 3).

BOARD PLACEMENT:



10
16

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Russians win if at game end the Italians Control 15 buildings on mapboard 10, on/east of hexrow Q. The Russians win immediately upon amassing 25 CVP.

★ SOVIETS set up first	III 1	III 2	III 3	4	III 5	6	7	8	END
III ITALIAN moves first									

Elements of 469th Infantry Regiment [ELR: 2]
set up on/east of hexrow Q {SAN: 4}:

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4-4-7	8-1	8-0	7-0	2 4-10	1 2-8	3 50* [3-20]	6/7/8	? 7 morale
12				2	2	2		8

3
82* [3-78]

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OVR, OSA: +4
Other: +2

6

Elements of 1st Bersaglieri Motorcyclist Company, 1st Battalion, 80th Infantry Regiment [ELR: 3]
set up/enter as indicated {SAN: 3}.

III

Set up on board 10, on/west of hexrow M:

3-4-7	3-4-6	8-1	7-0	3 6-12	1 2-5	2 45* [2-13]	11 81* [3-102]	2-2-7
4	7			3	2			

Enter on Turn 1 on the west edge of board 10:

3-4-6	8-0	1 4-10	1 4-10
4			2

Enter on Turn 3 on the south edge:

4-4-7	8-1	1 2-5
6		

Enter on Turn 5 on the North edge:

3-4-6	7-0
2	

Scenario Design: Philippe Naud '94

SSR:

- EC are Moderate, with no wind at start. Kindling is NA. All buildings are wooden.
- The Russians receive a 70+ mm OBAmodule (HE only) with Normal Ammunition.
- Starting on Turn 2, the Italians receive a 70+ mm module (HE and smoke) with Normal Ammunition and an Offboard Observer secretly recorded during the Italian Turn 2 RPh at Level 2 along the west edge. The first Battery Access draw is automatic (withdraw a black chit from the Draw Pile).

AFTERMATH: The situation being urgent, the remainder of the supporting company were sent forward and artillery support was requested. Russian guns and mortars broke up the assault attempts. However, Lt. Mori's 3rd Company outflanked the defenders, forcing them to fall back. Lt. Carbonari's group, made up of HQ Company personnel, intervened just as the Russians were in full retreat. The village fell by 1930. In his report, Colonel Chiaramonti praised the behavior of his regiment as heroic and worthy of its motto "Nel nome di Roma" ("In the name of Rome"). The truth is that the Russian rearguard had successfully delayed Pasubio's advance.